



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ravi Kanth V. Kothuri et al.

Application No. 09/886,487

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Titled: QUERY PRUNING USING INTERIOR RECTANGLES IN AN R-TREE INDEX

Group Art Unit 2171

Examiner: Uyen T. Le

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed May 17, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments for entry as indicated below for the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.

Please amend the Application as set forth in the Amendments below.

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